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Thank you for your letter of January 15, 2003 (copy enclosed). This letter indicated the application had been processed and was pending in Tech Center 3742. However, as of this date, we have not received an office action relating to the above-identified patent application. Therefore please provide us with a request a status update for the above-identified patent application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Mr. Getz:

This is in response to your letter received 25 November 2002 inquiring about the status of U.S. patent application 09/913,984 filed 27 December 2001. The request for correction of filing receipt filed 19 March 2002 was dismissed in an Office decision of 28 August 2002. The application has been processed by the U.S. Designated/Elected Office and is presently pending in Tech Center 3742. All further inquiries about the status of this application may be addressed to Tech Center 3700 Special Program Examiner Linda Sholl at telephone number (703) 308-1288.

Sincerely,

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